Mayor Lea Urges the Adopt ion of All Amendments, but Urges People to Vote, Whether for or Against Them; Former Policemen and Some of Old Ring Crowd Actively Working Against Them.

Tomorrow the voters of El Paso to be appointed for a term not exceeding the pass upon four proposed amendments to the city charter—one to create a police and fire commission, another to increase the salary of the mayor and city council, a third to make it accessary to publish a city or-dimance but once to make it effective, instead of ten times as at present, and another to enable the city to expand bigh basis.

proposition, asserting that he does not believe the amendment should be adopted. One of the objections raised by Mr. Burges is that it takes authority from the mayor and relieves him from responsibility to the people who elect him. for the conduct of the two mest important branches of the city government, inasmuch as the retiring rayor will have the appointment of the commission to handle the two departments for the succeeding two years.

Mr. Loa says this is a matter the mayor should be thankful for, as he has enough other business to require all his attention, and that so far as he and his council are concerned, they will appoint men of such character and standing that there will be no question about their proper conduct of the two departments.

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Several former policemen are actively opposing the amendment for a police and fire commission, and some of the old "ring" politicians are mid also to be making an active campaign against it. A meeting is to be held tonight by some of these people to make plans for gelling out the opposition vote tomorrow, it is understood.

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Mayor Lea's statement relative to the election follows:

"I am not surprised that certain interests, inimical to good government and bearing strong enmity toward the present city administration, have been able to find a champlon in Mr. Burges in order to attempt to defeat the proposed civil service amendment, as well as the other three amendments to be submitted to the people of El Paso tomorrow, I thank Mr. Burges for stating that he is satisfied of the good faith of the mayor and city council in proposing the amendment. We are willing to leave that, however, to the thinking, voting men of El Paso.

"Mr. Burges is known as the father of the city charter and, in all klindress, he may feel that the charter is perfect in every way, and that he would dislike to see it changed. However, I call his attention to another one of the amendments, which is to be voted on, whereby the publication of an ordinance shall be published hereafter one time instead of ten times, saving thereby nine-tenths of the coast of publication. Had this provision been in the ariginal charter, thousands of dollars would have been saved to the city of El Paso. I cite this to show that very few of our laws and charters are letter perfect.

"I make this unqualified statement to the people of El Paso that civil service, as designed and provided for in the amendment to be submitted tomorrow, is one of the biggest steps forward that this city could possibly take. It is not my fault or the fault of the city council that the constitution of the state of Texas

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another to enable the city to expand its territory.

Mayor Tom Lea, who refurned Saturday night from attending the Masonic grand lodge at Waco, urges all voters to go to the polls and express themselves upon the amendments. He declares that he wants a full and free expression of the people. He favors all the amendments, out says he wants to know what the people think of them and he hops that they will either be adopted or defeated by a decisive majority.

The mayor was asked today for an expression upon the amendments, particularly that creating civil service for the firemen and policemen, inasmuch as Richard F. Burges, framer of the present city charter, has attacked the proposition, asserting that he does not believe the amendment should be adopted. One of the objections raised by Mr. Burges is that it takes authority from the mayor and relieves him from responsibility to the people who elections and the progressive Measures.

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"Mr. Burges states that the advantages of the new system are doubtful and, I infer, greatly fears that this council will not be able to select commissioners who will do their duty. Every law that has ever been made for the benefit of mankind and which is a step in advancement, has had the same attack made upon it.

"I do not know who the next mayor will be. Mr. Burges states that he will be left helpless. No statement could be farther from correct than that. Any man who has held the office of mayor for a term knows better. The police and fire departments, under the amendment, will look directly to the commissioners and, with the many manifold duties which the mayor has to performed him than such an arrangement as this, and no man who expects to be mayor of El Paso for the next two years need have any dread or fear as to the personnel or qualifications of the commissioners, and the only question that he need study about will be the re-appointment or appointment of hich class men, as police and fire commissioners at the est of his term.

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The amendment as presented is simple and plain to understand, and its main object is to prohibit the police and fire departments of the city of El Paso from becoming a football of politics and politicians.

In three months I shall step down from the office to which the people have honored me, and it will be with deep satisfaction and relief that I shall turn over the reins of the city government to my successor, and, under these circumstances, no man can conscientiously make the declaration that this amendment, and the other three imperiant ones to be voted on tomorrow, are anything but the crystalization of a deep, carnest desire to do something for the betterment of our city. The fact that I have advanced the matter and brought it before the public in the shape of an election, or the fact that Mr. Burges, himself, even from highest motives on his part, or other men from improper motives, would like to see it defeated, should not influence the voters of the city of El Paso upon these important amendments.

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"I ask caracstly, as the mayor of our city and as a cilizen, that men from every walk of life go to the polls tomorrow and vote upon every one of these amendments, and whatever their verdict may be, I shall be entirely satisfied if the result is the result of the thinking public and not the result of activities of men who are willing that their city should go backward instead of forward because of their partisan political feelings.

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"As I have stated, the amenament to provide for civil service for the fire and police departments, while important in itself and one of the most important amenaments to be presented tomorrow, yet each of the other three deserves consideration from the citizens of El Paso, one of which is to reduce by 30 per cent the gost of publishing penal ordinances, another to give the city power to take in outlying territory, and another to raise the salary of the mayor and four aldermen.

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"As I am not, and shall not be a candidate to succeed myself, I feel it is my duty to my successor to have the courage to present this last amendment, and I believe the people of El Paso realize that the business managers of a fifty million dollar corporation should at least be paid a sum commensurate in a small way with the dutles they have to perform, especially when they are required, the mayor in chief, to give all his time to the city. "This is the last word that I shall have the say about these amendments, and I bimply ask most earnestly that the voters of the city of El Faso will have the interests of their city at heart to such an extent that they will go to the polls and vote their sentiments, and whatever the result it cannot affect me personally in any way and, if carried, means a long step in advancement for the city of El Paso."

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to boundaries of the City of El Paso,
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have been so pul-tebed until the contrary is shown America section 191 so as to hereafter read as follows: